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I was born and raised in Scarborough, where I went to high school and enjoyed sports, books, movies, music and the usual stuff Canadian teens are into. I got the chance to meet and get along with every ethnic group. I was a chatty kid and fortunately many good friends, relatives, teachers and others indulged my curiosity. I asked lots of questions and got lots of answers, some good and some bad, that helped me learn the difference. I went to York University where I majored in Film, but I focused more on public speaking and debating, including travelling the world for competitions and being successful. Growing up in Toronto was a lot of fun.

Since then, I've lived downtown in Toronto and worked mostly in sales while indulging in writing, consulting, dating and other creative pursuits. I was very social before I felt I need to spend a lot of time on these issues. I was asked to and often gave people good advice, so I started noticing that many people had the same normal problems, just like our whole culture does, yet most of us still couldn't figure out how to solve them. As someone who can be unusually confident and charming, I was always giving people ways to solve their problems if I got the chance to understand them. These actions were the foundation for my future investigations into our culture.

In 2003, I was working at a great job doing telecom sales in Mississauga and living downtown. I had my first epiphany about why we should try to deal with the big picture on a picnic bench outside our office building while speaking with a young white girl and asian guy after meeting them for the first time. They were both young and single with lots of time and money, a situation that one of my first roommates told me was the most freedom I'd ever have, which helped me enjoy life more after initially missing university. But, even though they were nice, they weren't very happy or optimistic about their future. They even seemed to lack the confidence to try to be.

I thought even if this is "normal", if this normal sucks, then we should all try to think of better normals. I always thought people could change to be happier if they wanted to and figured out how, plus that we could all help change our culture for the better if we wanted to. So, I began testing and developing more philosophy. I wanted to do whatever I want, whenever I want, make money, have fun and save the world. Or at least try, then I could at least get some good stuff done. I started looking into politics more. While working and traveling a lot, I also started to frame many of my experiences to include our problems, reactions and solutions to find them.

In 2004, I was having trouble sharing info I found that was true and important, even with family and friends who liked me and knew I wouldn't lie to them, or when I was winning arguments. Oddly, while many people said they didn't believe me, many of the same people also warned me not to talk about this stuff or I might get in trouble. I thought: which one is it? Is the stuff I'm saying true or not? If it's not true, then who cares? Or, can you correct me if I'm wrong? (Most couldn't.) If this stuff is true and we should be "scared" to talk about it, then what does that say about where we live? What should we do? Nothing? This was obviously something that had to change.

I started seeing how many people would defend whatever they heard from the corporate media - even though they also said they know they lie. Many would rather repeat the lies and become liars instead of looking for more no matter what was at stake, from their money to their kids to their own lives. I finally stopped taking the "Left vs. Right" political debate seriously after the 2004 U.S. Presidential elections when at the last minute both sides refused to count all the votes. I stopped saying "Governments wouldn't do that!" after seeing Guantanamo Bay on TV. I was worried about us just going along with all this. So, I kept trying to find ways to make sure that we didn't.

In 2005, I looked into mainstream activist organizations to see if they were open to new info and solutions to the problems they worked on. I found out most tax-exempt foundation-funded groups had their own ways of doing things and weren't open to new info and approaches. I found this to be odd since they said they cared about their causes and the people involved, but most still wouldn't look into things more to help the people they were trying to help. I gave up on mainstream politics and activism and looked into what's called the "conspiracy theorist" or "truth" movement. I found more answers, but had issues with it and still do for not applying the

knowledge more.

I was always looking for solutions, not just for interests sake, so I avoided looking into most of the strange stuff dealing with "aliens" and "lizards" and so on, except to confirm that it's often useless or even dangerous. I later found out a lot of it is probably disinformation put out by the intelligence agencies who manage our cultures to make people look bad and discredit this entire area of research. It still works today. Regardless, there was also lots of good info put out by good people that could help everyone in Toronto improve their health, wealth and relationships. I saw many of us having more trouble than we had to, so I continued looking for and sharing good info.

In 2006, I was working with members of the Toronto 9/11 Truth movement, a loose collection of individuals who occasionally met to discuss the "truth" about the big "conspiracy" of people in power who are working together worldwide that threatens our future. We held several street actions or outreaches where small groups of us would publicly wear shirts, hold signs and hand out flyers and dvd's to people in Toronto. According to polls at the time and thanks to all the good people worldwide who were putting out good info, two-thirds of Canadians questioned the official story of the 9/11 attacks just 5 years later. This may have helped stop more "terror" attacks like it.

However, with roughly 20 million Canadians who were suspicious of the 9/11 event that "changed everything", mostly for the worse, it always shocked me to see how hard it was to get even 10 people in the City of Toronto to "do" something about it, plus many other vital issues, even to this day. More and more people still wanted to learn more and discuss it, so that was the good news we could work with. I went to Ottawa to do a freelance report on The Bilderberg Group yearly meeting of 150 of the most powerful people in the world since 1954 (BBC News) for CKLN Radio (88.1 FM). That story lead to an internship and later a co-hosting spot doing the morning news.

In 2007, I was thinking of and putting out tons of public domain plans and solutions to help us understand and share important info that wasn't widely available so we could all make better decisions. I was sending out big e-blasts full of links, excerpts, analysis and solutions to 7000 people, a list that grew from people I knew to email addresses I found publicly available on the internet to groups that might be interested. I usually received a couple of "unsubscribes" and "thank you's" per e-blast. I learned in many ways over the years that most people were happy that other people were talking about this stuff, even if they didn't want to, which helped us a lot.

I was still active with Toronto 9/11 Truth with weekly meetings and regular street actions. We had a great time that summer publicly sharing the "truth" about the "conspiracy" in downtown Toronto on a regular basis. Most people who saw us approved while very few people disapproved. I was also working on music and performing, but unfortunately I found the music scene didn't want to talk about the truth that people worldwide were exposing, even today. I understand how keeping it real might keep people from getting a record deal, so I just dabbled in it to avoid upsetting anyone trying to make it. Still, the awareness of what we didn't want to talk about was growing fast.

In 2008, I was frustrated at how many of us well-informed people were still talking about how "they" were beating "us" instead of talking about how to beat them on. We knew a lot about how everyone in Canada was being attacked by corporate and government corruption, so it seemed counter-productive, like an overweight person talking about how fat they were instead of about how to lose weight. It didn't lead to solutions, it lead to feeling helpless. The weekly Toronto 9/11 Truth meetings stopped after many people didn't just want to talk about what they found on the internet. We were having trouble being productive even though all our icons were telling us to get active.

In February, I hosted a huge "Stop The SPP!" rally against the rarely mentioned EU-style sequel to the NAFTA trade agreement at Queen's Park. There were 500 people and 16 cities doing the same across Canada. It was great. But, I still wondered why most people could sincerely talk or yell about this stuff like it was life or death, then avoid "doing" anything else about it, even though

we saw many examples of what works worldwide. I still had my CKLN radio show, was in movies and more. Though I warned people it was a mistake, the huge "Obama" campaign was co-opting most of our political frustration into dreamland. Those were strange days, but it was a good party..

In 2009, I held open house meetings at my place for 8 weeks in January and February to plan for a great year of "truthoring", including planning to deal with possible mandatory vaccinations for "bird flu" and other expected threats that year. While we didn't make many plans, it was still great to discuss these issues with great people willing to do something about them. We re-organized "Toronto 9/11 Truth" and changed the name to "Toronto Truth Seekers" to reflect our broader mandate. When the "swine flu" pandemic scare first hit the media and we were all worried about possible mandatory vaccinations, I suggested we focus on handling it on behalf of Toronto.

We sprung into action at Dundas Square starting in July every Saturday for several hours. Many people in Toronto were looking for more info, so we shared thousands of flyers, dvd's, legal vaccine exemption forms and more with grateful parents and others and posted videos. I was working 6 days a week, hosting my CKLN radio show 3 days a week from 6 - 7 am and spending my day-off doing this, including designing, paying for and printing most of the flyers we used. But, it was fulfilling work and we were even covered by CBC's "The National" and other media. Things were going very well and TTS was becoming known as one of the most active truth groups in the world.

In 2010, I was hoping more TTS members and others would see what we'd accomplished, take on leadership roles and work on things to keep their creativity, energy and interest. My theory was that once TTS figured out what works in Canada, or calmly and consistently sharing info, not yelling loudly or insulting people in frustration, then independent chapters could spring up across Toronto. People could use our model to hold local actions, save time travelling and save their neighbourhoods. We grew from 200 to now 400 members, but still, very few of us actually wanted to do something about the issues we spent so much time learning about. That has to change.

While learning is better than nothing, less than 10% of truthers worldwide want to do something about our problems, so others have to help out. This may be due to fear or the stigma attached, but TTS proved that if we do something safe and worth respecting, we get respect in Toronto. I tried to get TTS going for 6 months to deal with the G20 Summit like we dealt with the H1N1 scare, or expose the truth about the set-up, but we didn't want to, so I was removed from our listserve, but I'm still part of the group. So, I went solo posterizing and flyering to stop G20 Martial Law, make sure it never happens again, let people in Toronto know where I stand and see the public mood.

Hopefully this reveals some of what I'm up to and why I want to finish dealing with our most serious issues as Mayor of Toronto with the help of the People of Toronto. I can still have perfectly normal conversations, but since people are worried and I'm good at it, nobody says it's "wrong" for me to deal with this, they just advise me on how to. I receive more encouragement as more of us worry about our future and yet we seem to care less and accept it. With radio shows, book and dvd stores, journalism companies and more in Toronto sharing info on these issues, thousands of people in Toronto know about them, so I hope to help make it easier for us to talk about them. .

Since the G20 Summit, I've re-confirmed that many people in Toronto are concerned, informed and more open than ever to figuring out what's really going on and doing something about it. I hope people can use my political campaign to help us discuss these issues with our neighbours and work with them to pressure their elected officials to give them what they want. I hope people vote for me so we refuse to accept more false promises and new explanations for things getting worse. We just need share info in polite ways to help all of us catch up fast, then use it to make sure our government tells us the truth. Once we all know and react to what's happening, we'll be fine.

Warm regards,

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